The Official Investigation Into

the Labor Troubles of

the Country

Washington.

First Witness Called, and He

Responded at Length.

the K. of L. Organization-Flood

in Massachusetts.

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west Labor Troubles Com-

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A Disastrous Flood A Disastrous Flood.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., April 20.—A terrible secident has occurred at East Loe, resulting resulting in a large loss of life and much damage to property. At 6 o'clock this morning the village was inundated and devastated by the breaking away of the dam at the Mud Pond reservoir, in Mountain lake, two and half miles from the village. The pond covered many acres of swamp land, and was increased from its regular limited size by extensive dams, built by a club of manufacturers as a store place for water.

water.

The flood came pouring down the street, the water being from four to six feet deep, bringing with it trees, portions of houses, barns, fences, wagons, and every kind of

bringing with it trees, portions of houses barns, fences, wagons, and every kind of movable property.

The people fied to the slopes of the valley, along which the torrent was pouring. The flood passed East Lee, and went on down the road, destroying gardens, lawns, fences, and moving smaller buildings. It did not have enough power, however, to wreck utterly the larger houses, though the damage done will amount to many thousand dollars. Fortunately the track of the flood was in a sparcely inhabited county. Much stock, besides a great deal of property, was lost.

Explorers found the bodies of six persons one of terrible desolation and the town of Lee is wind with excitement.

Late news just received from East Lee say that nine bodies have been found that it is expected several more will be discovered. The bodies recovered and identified so far are as follows: Mr. White, wife and two young daughters; Mr. King and wife, and Mrs. King's son and wife.

Eleven bodies of the flood that are missing.

White's carriage shops were destroyed and Harrison & Garfield's paper mills were ruined; Decker's paper mills are also damaged, and McLaughlin's machine shops are a total wreck.

LATER—As near as can be ascertained the mud pond dam gave way at 5:30 this morning. It had shown signs of of weakness for pany to enlist new men ended last night in

Washington, D. C., April 20.—The special committee of the house of representatives to inquire into the labor troubles in the southwest, held a public session to-day. The committee consists of ex-Governor Cur-

Wind in His Sall

the amount of their pay, f.r what they call a hospital fund. Then the men claim that as soon as they are taken sick they are discharged and denied the right of entering the hospital.

There are induces, which can be proved. NEW YORK, April 20.-D. R. St where men have made contracts to buy land from the company on regular yearly installments, and who, having paid all but the last installment, were discharged from the employment of the company.

In that section of country it is different from the east. Men can't go into the next Liverpool. Smart had been in the employ of the firm for five years and was its ship-

Saturday night. He said yesterday: "I have only had an opportunity to make a hasty examination of Smart's books. I am certain that he has gone away with about

ests of labor, and whether it is peaceful in its action.

Mr. Powderly—The aim of the organization of the Knights of Labor is to benefit the laborer and serve a better feeling between him and his employer. All our methods are peaceful, we never counsel anything of a violent nature. A member of the organization may once in a while commit acts of violence—we cannot help thattit is a matter beyond our centrol; because, when men feel they have endured wrong there is n.) law which can properly restrain them. We aim to educate our members to intelligent act on in settling both their own grievances and that of employers.

It seems to me that until each party comprehends the other's wants, they cannot possibly settle their differences. We have no quarrel with legitimate employers. If you discover that members of the Knights of Labor, along the railroads, have violated onth the laws of the land, or its own laws (and the committee will discover that), we are as the committee will discover that as we are

duced.

Mr. Powderly—Yes; I am told also that along the Iron Mountain road, and along the other roads in parts of Texas the supertion should they return. The officials regard to the other roads in parts of Texas the supertion should they return. The officials regard to the other roads in parts of Texas the supertion should they return. The officials regard to the roads in parts of Texas the supertion should they return. The officials regard to the road since work last night as of the violent element amony strikers. Bullets came thick about the building but generally went over it or struck too high to cause damage. The own is invested in these stores. The committee work last night as the Uppers round house and last night's visitors would meet a warm reception should they return. The officials regard the work last night as the Uppers round house and last night's visitors would meet a warm reception should they return. The officials regard the work last night as the Uppers. Bullets came thick about the building but generally went over it or struck too high to cause damage. The committee work alongside of penitentiary last the Cypress round house and last night at the Cypress round house and last night's visitors would meet a warm reception should they return. The officials regard the work last night's visitors would meet a warm reception should they return. The officials regard the work last night's visitors would meet a warm reception should they return. The officials regard the work last night as the Cypress round house and last night at the Cypress round house and last night as the Cypress round house and last night's visitors would meet a warm reception should they return. The officials regard the work last night's visitors would meet a warm reception should they return. The officials regard the work last night's visitors would meet a warm reception should they return. The officials regard the work last night's visitors would meet a warm reception should they return. The officials regard the work last night's

The Conflict Between Employer and Employed Still Goes On

At Chicago Serious Trouble Regarded as Imminent, Though Governor

The committee consists of ex-Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania, chairman, Messrs, Burns of Missouri, Crain of Texas, Outhwaite of Ohio, Stewart of Vermont, Parker of New York, and Buchanan of New Jersey. All the members were present except Mr. Stewart. Among the prominent persons in attendance were, as representative Knights of Labor, T. V. Powderly, J. W. Hayes, and William O. McDowell, members of the except Mr. Stewart of Missouri, as the representatives of rail-road interests, Wagner, Sawyer, and counsel, and as representatives of the Woman's Lague of America, Mrs. Charles Smith and three other ladies.

Mr. Powderly was the first witness sworm by the chairman. The chairman, acdressing him, said: You understand that this committee is raised by the house of representatives for the purpose, if possible, of getting down to the reasons for the unrest and disturbance that now exists in the country, especially as to conflicts between labor and capital, and employer and employed. Be pleased now to give to the committee your leased now to give to the co All the bodies except that of the baby impressions as to said matter?

The examination of Mr. Powderly was extended, going over the history of the recent strike and troubles. It was quite interesting, but presented nothing new or remarking, but presented nothing new or remarking. While I was in the west, said Mr. Powderly I heard from the men of little abuses which I do not think the manager of the Missouri Pacific railway knows anything about. Along the Iron Mountain road they have a system of taking 25 cents a month from the wages of men who receive \$1 a day and 50 cents from the wages of men who receive \$2 a day, and so on in proportion to onto the track and moved them back to

visor of the town of Lake said he was una-

that he would not interfere until the sheriff had exhausted all his power. CHICAGO, April 20 .- A morning ps

\$100,000.

It is not exactly clear why he took the firm's money, unless the recent sharp advance in wheat wiped out his big winnings. Others believe he took the winnings along with the firm's money. He sailed for Europe Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Fowler, of Kansas City, arrived here Saturday night. He said yesterday: "I Chicago, April 20.—A conference lasting that within the firm's money. He said yesterday: "I Chicago, April 20.—A conference lasting that within the firm's money. He said yesterday: "I Chicago, April 20.—A conference lasting that within the firm's money. He said yesterday: "I Chicago, April 20.—A conference lasting that within the firm's money. He said yesterday: "I conference lasting that with a committee of Lake Shore switchm with a c

unable to give any opinion as to whether his conference with railroad officials will be

understanding arrived at thus far is to leave the work of preserving the peace in the hands of the sheriff and police authorities of Chicago and the town of Lake.

the street car lines has been partially al-loosened to-day, and all the roads, except the Third avenue line, are sending out the regular number of cars. The latter road run a number of cars with new drivers and conductors, but on the inside and on the classiform the cars are filled with police. All along the route the drivers, conductors and the police are saluted by jeers and yells of the crowd, but no one opposed the progress

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CHICAGO, April 20.—A mass meeting of the citizens of the town of Lake was held ast evening at the Root Street rink to dis-

Williamsport, Ps., April 20.—The City National Bank of Williamsport closed doors this morning. The cause of the bank's trouble is said to be defaications amounting

Sr. Louis, April 20.—The citizens' committee who were appointed by the mass meeting held here a week ago to endeavor to bring about a settlement of the strike on the Missouri Pacific railway by arbitration or otherwise, held a meeting this afternoon and decided to take no further action in the matter until after the congressional committee. decided to take no further action in the matter until after the congressional committee, now sitting in Washington, arrived here.

Toledo, Obio, April 20 — The switchmen of the Lake Shore road line quit. There is no local cause for the trouble. If the strike cocurs at this point it will be under orders from Chicago. About one hundred switchmen are in the Lake Shore employ. They frankly avow their determination to go out in a body if the orders are received which may come at any instant.

mate friends never expect to see him out of his house alive again. It is startling news, but it cannot be gainsaid. One of Arthur's most intimate friends said last night: "General Arthur is in a very critical condition. Id do not expect ever to see him out of his house alive again. One of Arthur's most intimate friends said last night: "General Arthur is in a very critical condition. In do not expect ever to see him out of his house alive again. One of Arthur's most intimate friends said last night: "General Arthur is in a very critical condition. In do not expect ever to see him out of his house alive again. One of Arthur's most intimate friends said last night: "General Arthur is in a very critical condition. In do not expect ever to see him out of his house alive again, but it cannot be gainsaid. One of Arthur's most intimate friends never expect to see him out of his house alive again, but it cannot be gainsaid. One of Arthur's most intimate friends said last night: "General Arthur is in a very critical condition. In do not expect ever to see him out of his house alive again, but it cannot be gainsaid. One of Arthur's most intimate friends said last night: "General Arthur is in a very critical condition."

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Washington, April 20.—The presi to-day sent the following nominations to

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Consuls—V. A. Sartori, of Philadelphia,
Leghorn; M. A. Turner, of Arkansas, St.
Thomas; S. R. Miller, of Davenport, Ia,
Lepzik; A. Roberts, of Tennessee, Hamilton.
Ont; J. C. Legore, of Leuisiana, Tampico;
W. W. Long, of Texas, Hamburg; E. Canplansen, of Érie, Pa., Naples; C. P. Kimball,
of Chicago, Stuttgart; C. W. Wagner, Kansas City, Toronto; H. M. Keim, of Pennsylvania, Charleton; F. H. Price, of New Hamp-

sas City, Toronto; H. M. Reim, of Pennsylvania, Charleton; F. H. Price, of New Hampshire, Matanza.

William Bayard, to be register of land office, Pueblo, Col.

J. H. Davis, Indian agent, Oursy, Utah.

J. C. Breckenridge, surveyor general, Washington territory.

legation, Japan.
Collectors of internal revenue—C. A.
Wells, first district of Wisconsin; J. O.
Henderson, eleventh Indians; A. Biremen,
Missouri; C. E. Hasbrook, sixty-fourth Mis-Missouri; C. E. Hasbrook, Sixty-fourth Mis-souri; A. Skillman, Navada; S. B. Cooper, Texas; J. Shields, Montana; F. Barnum, first Missouri; S. T. Hillman, fifth Tennes-see; J. M. Morrow, sixth Missouri; A. C. Parkinson, second Wisconsin; E. C. Wall, first Wisconsin.

The nominations of John Warner, Pomaster at Peoris, Ill., and Wm. T. Hall, Postmaster at Beloit, Wis., have been with-The secretary of the treasury this after-noon issued a call for ten million three per cent bonds. The call will mature June

zons; and assigning Brigadier-Genera Ruger to the command of the department of Dakota with hand

disposed of. Among the confirmed is Mr. Zach Montgomery, to be assistant attorney-general for the interior department.

FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

Pacific Railroad company.

At 12:45, on motion of Mr. Frye, the sen ate went into executive session.

When the doors reopened the senate

Mr. Reed, of Maine, addressing his re-marks to Mr. Tucker of Virginia, inquired when the Utah bill was to be reproduced by the judiciary committee.

Mr. Tucker replied the bill is being co

on ways and means, reported a joint resolu-tion to give notice to terminate the conven-tion of June 2, 1875, with his majesty, the

McPHERSON, April 29.—The bonds for U. a 4 per cents the Port Scott road have carried to-day almost unanimously in all the townships along the proposed line and in this city.

The road is to be extended at once from Newton to this place. Kinsler, April 20.—Edwards county to-day voted bonds by an overwhelming ma-jority for the Arkansas Vailey and Western railway, starting from Hutchinson, which will cross the main line of the Atchison, Topeks and Santa Fe railway at Kinsley and will thence proceed westward to

MINNEAPOLIS, April 20.—This city de-cided by a vote of nearly two to one at an election held vesterday to have water works. The company have several propositions be fore them and will presumably let a contract at the next meeting.

The First national bank now reco daily weather reports from Washington and displays signals from its new building.

Postmasters—J. M. Fowlkes, Memphistern, G. W. Martin, Chattanooga, Tenn. Surveyors of customs—Phelps, LaCrosse, Wis.; E. Warfield, Baltimore, Md. Receivers of public monies—J. B. Kilbourn, Pueblo, Col.; J. M. Ellis, Denver, Col.

AT PHILADELPHIA AT BALTIMORE. AT LOUISVILLE.

Sr. Louis, April 20 —Two sentinels pa-trolling the railroad yards in East St. Louis were fired upon before daylight this morning by some persons unknown. Neither of them were hit. They returned the fire but

On Mercy's Side. FORT SMITH, April 20.-The death senroter Sairia, April 29.—Ine dean sen-tences of five of the eight Indian territory murderers who were to have been hanged here Friday have been commuted to impris-onment for life in the Detroit house of cor-

Washington, April, 21, 1 a. m .- Indica tions for the Missouri valley are: Fair weather, followed by local rains; vriable winds, generally shifting to southearsterly; falling barometer.

Boston, April 20.—Sixty pupils in South Boston public schools struck for single sessions. They are very disorderly and to-LITTLE ROCK, Ark. April 20 .- At two

this morning the depot building of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain branch railway at PITTSBURG, April 20.—Dispatch's Mount
Pleasant special: The coke syndicate has
advanced voluntarily the wages of ten
thousand members at Connellsville whe thousand members at Connellsville whe

Falling into Line WASHINGTON, Kan., April 20.-The Reional district will meet at Clay Center Tuesday, May 4th, to arrange for a con-

LYNCHBURG, Va., April 20.-The jour men tailors of this city struck to-day higher wages. Everything quiet.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

London, April 20.—Jesse Collings, liber-al, author of "three acres and a cow" amendment, and who has just been unseated as parliamentary member for Ipswich because of fraudulent electioneering practices, publishes a letter in to-day's Times in which he says he deprecates acceptance of the Gladstone bill without thorough examination of the safeguards proposed. Collings then proceeds to show that the safeguard proposed in the double orders in Irish parliament is deliative. He says: "The fact that this proive. He says: "The fact that this proposal emanates from the respected premier alone preserves it from ridicule by the whole liberal party." The remainder of the letter is devoted to the adoption of Chamberlain's

ederative principles instead of those pro A letter from Joseph Chamberlin, on the difference between his plans of British federatives and Gladstone's home rule policy has been made public. Chamberlain says: "My idea is that provincial assemblies occupying the same position as local legislatures do in delegated to their financial, and imperial suestions within the control of the imperial egislature at Westminster." being Burmese new year fifty tollowing of the Myingzaing Prince set fire to this city in

several places at 4 o'clock in the morning Hundreds of houses have been burned. The Treasury, postoffice and smaller buildings within the palace enclosure were destroyed. One-third of the walled city has Troops pursued and captured several in-cendiaries. Mr. Devon, the English milita-ry apothecary was killed. A number of encounters took place outside of the city with the prince's followers, several of whom were

VIENNA, April 20 .- The work of relief at Stry is going on very slowly. There are seven hundred homeless people encamped in the fields without food. A heavy snow

storm raged all last night. I plundering the town unchecked. Braun, Delegates of the powers ratified Congo treaty to-day. The United States was not represented.

ATHENS-Warliks preparations are ing with increased zeal. FINANCE AND CUMMERCE.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. New York Market

State Nonds-setive and firmer

Railroad tonds-dui

Bye-dull; No. 2, 60 Barley-No. 2, 60

Pork-sales ranged: each, \$3 00@0 10; May, \$0 000@0 17;; June, \$9 10@0 12, closed \$9 25@9 17.5; Butter-week and lower; creamery, 21625

Corn-Stronger; May, 37% Pork-Unchanged Lard-dult and weak.

Kansas City Grain and Produce KANSAS CITY. April 30 The Daily Indicator reports wheat receipts 5000; ahipments 8,000 bu; in store, 47 000 bu; weak and unsettled; No. 2 red, April 63% bid, 64 asked; May, 64% bid, 64% asked; June, 64% bid, 67% asked; No. 2 soft cash, 76% bid.

Corn—Receipts 7,000; ahipments 6,000; in store 172,000 bu; dull; No. 2 cash, 27% bid, 27% asked; May, 28 bid, 28% asked; June, 28%; No. 2 white cash, 57%.

Cotta, No. 2 white cash, 57%. Oats - No. 2 May, 29, Rye-Quiet. Me.

Hay-fancy small bales \$80 Eggs-weaker, Wic. Butter-Unchanged

terday.

No. 2 red, cash, 81; May, 87,43884, cloting 88%; June, 88,63894, closing 88%; July, 84% 681%, closing 81% bd; August, 83,6633, closing 83%;

Curn—Bull and weaker, closing 8,654c fower than yetterday; No. 2 mixed cash, 33%; May, 33%; Costa, Costa, 25%; June, 32%; July, 33%; Outs—Very dull and easier; No. 2 mixed cash, 25%; May, 30% bid.

Barley-dull. Egg=etrong; 10c Pork-steady; \$9 65.

Receipts—wheat, 10,000; corn 74,000; osts Wheat-Na Sc higher Corn- ich gher. Onts-Easy, No lower.

Sheep - Receipts, 2:00; shipments, steady; natives, \$2.2561.00. Ransas City Live Stock.

(attie-Receipts, 12m; snipments, 14m; strong and shade higher; choice to fancy, \$4.75 &5.25; fair to good \$4.0085.00; common to medium, \$4.0084.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.0084.00; cows \$3.0083.75.

Cattle—Receipts, live; shipments, 903; market faint active and steady; good to choice shipping, \$5 00a5 50; common to good, \$6 20a6 50; butchers steers, \$4 50a4 60; stockers and feeters, \$5 00a4 20; cows and helters, \$2 50a5 70.

Hogs—receipts 60a0; shipments 5000; market active and unchanged; butchers \$4 10a4 25; mixed packing, \$5 80a4 00; light, \$5 80a4 00.

WIICHTA MARKETS.

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several days; will also take good nofes.

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